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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 24-Jun-00 (Thousand Head)

| | Current Week 06/24/00 | Previous Week 06/17/00 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bro-Fry | 163,950 | 163,932 |
| Lt Hens | 1,962 | 1,930 |
| Hvy Hens | 1,724 | 1,635 |

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 17-Jun- 2000 (Thousand Head)

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Head | 473 | 7 | 480 |
| Last Week | 479 | 2 | 481 |
| Same Wk Yr Ago | 549 | 0 | 549 |
| To Date 2000 | 11,876 | 59 | 11,935 |
| To Date 1999 | 12,011 | 168 | 12,179 |
| (R) Revised | | | |

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

| | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Head | 2,357 | 1,639 | 3,996 |
| Last Week | 2,449 | 1,556 | 4,005 |
| Same Wk Yr Ago | 2,644 | 1,564 | 4,208 |
| To Date 2000 | 59,847 | 33,606 | 93,453 |
| To Date 1999 | 64,464 | 32,609 | 97,073 |

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 17-Jun-00 (Thousand Head)

| | Young Chickens | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Head | 159,718(A) | 1,884 | 1,632 | 3,516 |
| Avg Wt | 4.90 | 3.50 | 8.01 | 5.59 |
| Last Week | 159,292 | 1,970 | 1,554 | 3,524 |
| Same Week Yr Ago | 156,460 | 2,095 | 1,564 | 3,659 |
| Avg Wt | 5.11 | 3.33 | 8.09 | 5.37 |
| To-Date/2000 | 3,699,017 | 47,971 | 33,547 | 81,518 |
| To-Date/1999 | 3,620,653 | 52,453 | 32,441 | 84,894 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.7 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending June 10, 2000

| | (A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down | (B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs | (C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up |
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|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Head | 35,953 | 31,957 | 49,323 |
| Avg Weight | 3.81 | 4.72 | 6.00 |
| % Of Total /1 | 31% | 27% | 42% |
| Comparisons | | | |
| Last Week | 33,294 | 32,003 | 38,968 |
| Avg Weight | 3.79 | 4.86 | 6.00 |
| % Of Total /1 | 32% | 31% | 37% |
| | | | |
| Same Week, Yr Ago /2 | 24,669 | 30,576 | 38,776 |
| Avg Weight | 3.71 | 4.78 | 6.05 |
| % Of Total /1 | 26% | 33% | 41% |

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|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| To Date/2000 | 773,169 | 738,971 | 952,800 |
| To Date/1999 | 752,197 | 641,084 | 1,010,724 |

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 17-Jun-2000 (Thousand Head)

| | Young Hens | (B) Toms | Young Breeder | Old Breeder | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| Head | 1,863 | 3,148 | 27 | 9 | 5,047 |
| Avg Wt | 16.21 | 31.71 | 21.40 | 26.36 | 25.92 |
| Head Sltr Comparisons | | | | | |
| Last Week 06/03/00 | 2,230 | 2,740 | 35 | 7 | 5,012 |
| Same Week Yr Ago | 4,321 (C) | | 1 | 40 | 4,362 |
| Avg Wt | 28.09 (C) | | 43.00 | 26.45 | 28.05 |
| To-Date/2000 | 108,083 (C) | | 401 | 814 | 109,298 |
| To-Date/1999 | 111,930 (C) | | 326 | 774 | 113,030 |
| CHECK TOTAL | 8,028,487 | 115,782 | 78,769 | 184,595 | 263,740 |

(B) Includes 146,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 27,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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